

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SJR 37**

February 3, 2011

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Proposes amending Articles III and VI of the Tennessee Constitution to require the popular election of Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General and Reporter, and Secretary of State and to reorder the succession to office of Governor if the Lieutenant Governor is popularly elected. Resolves that these amendments be referred to the 108<sup>th</sup> General Assembly and that this resolution be published in accordance with Article XI, Section 3, of the Tennessee Constitution.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – \$18,000/One-Time**

Assumptions:

- A one-time cost of \$18,000 to the Secretary of State to print notice of the proposed amendment in statutorily designated newspapers as required by this resolution.
- According to the Secretary of State, the statewide average cost to publish each of the last three constitutional amendments was \$17,700.
- Because Article XI, Section 3 of the Constitution requires publication of the resolution before the next legislative election, this publication would occur in the spring of 2012.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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